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MENASHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER MAY, 2009

LOOKING BACK

We're sorry so many of you missed a very good review of the past history of Neenah by a great speaker, Jack Speech. Our history and Neenah's are so closely intertwined, and you would have enjoyed Jack's presentation with pictures. You also missed out on lots of excellent desserts. Nancy Barker gave a brief summary of our activities this year in place of an annual meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Thursday, May 14, we plan to meet at the Resource Center at 9:15 a.m. to pool cars to go to Brillion to visit their Historical Society Museum and the Ariens Museum. After the tours, we will have lunch together at the Cobblestone Creek Restaurant. The museum is on Calumet Street right off of Highway 10 and is easy to find. It will be interesting to see what a small town can do to preserve its history.

PRESERVATION MONTH

May is Preservation Month statewide. Menasha is celebrating Preservation Days on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17. Saturday will feature downtown Menasha. Come to the Nest (old dime store) between twelve noon and two o'clock. Nancy Barker will be giving the history of downtown at that time. At 2:30 p.m. she will be giving the history of the library at the Elisha D. Smith Library.

Sunday, May 17 will feature Doty Island and the Resource Center. There will be an Open House at the Center to display our newly redecorated rooms and our rearranged displays. (Katie LaMore and Jean Chew have really made some noticeable changes for the better.) On Sunday, Nancy Barker will give presentations at 1, 2, and 3 p.m at the Memorial Building. Come to our open house, tour the caboose, hear history of the Indian Mounds, the Isle of Valor and Smith Park. Refreshments will be served.

Soon Smith park will be overflowing with flowers and brides. Be sure to thank Elisha.

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DOTY ISLAND RUMMAGE SALE - JUNE 6, 2009

Members of the Menasha Historical Society will participate in the 6th Annual Doty Island Rummage Sale Saturday, June 6, 2009 with items for sale at the Memorial Building. Donated rummage should be brought to the Resource Center Monday morning June 1 after 9:00 a.m. The money received from the sale will be used for the on going expenses of the Society. Help is needed! Contact Katie LaMore, phone - 722-4364 if you have questions.

BOARD ACTION

Article IV, Section 2 of our by-laws state "The Board of Directors shall have the power to create or terminate an executive committee, special boards of trustees or advisors, and such permanent and special committees as are determined necessary." Under this clause your Board has voted to create a Board member with voting privilege under the title of Computer Consultant. Jean Chew will fill this position.

The Board is planning a special session in the near future (this summer) to review and revise our by-laws. Do you have any suggestions for possible changes? See Nancy Barker or any board member.

NEEDED

We are missing the 1921 and 1922 Nicolet yearbook for Menasha High School to complete our collection. Also, we would like to enlarge our collection of Renard - St. Mary's yearbook. Do you have any you would donate?

We are looking for a wooden display case with glass top, 24" long by 30" high. Do you have one?

Our wooden book cases need reinforcing, or we need new book cases for heavier books. Do you have any?

GOOD BY

This is the last newsletter until August. Your Board will continue to meet and the Center will continue to be open Monday mornings. (Check with Katie LaMore before you go).

Have a happy summer and plan to visit some of our state's historical sites.